

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 11 and 32 have been amended. Support for the amended claims can be found on pages 3-5 of the specification. Claims 7, 12-13, 15, and 21-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 33 has been added. Support for claim 33 can be found on page 4 of the specification. No new matter has been added. With entry of this Amendment, claims 1-6, 8-11, 14, 16-20, and 31-33 will be pending. The Applicant respectfully submits that the newly-presented claims are in condition for allowance.

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for her time spent preparing for and conducting the interviews.

Claims 1-11, 14, 16-20, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 32 have been amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestions for overcoming the rejection.

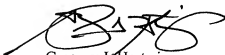
Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to clarify the language of the claim. Claim 11 has been amended to remove the language "no more than 5 μm " to a separate dependent claim (claim 33).

During the interviews, the Examiner reviewed and discussed a set of proposed claims with the undersigned. Further during the course of the interviews, the Examiner and the undersigned agreed that claims written as substantially set forth above would be given favorable consideration by the Examiner. The Examiner stated that unless she uncovers relevant prior art in an updated search, she intends to allow the claims in the form agreed upon during the interview, which substantially comport with the above amended claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience should any issues remain. The undersigned again wishes to thank the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Hartwig', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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